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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FAHMY COMPLAINT RE AIRCRAFT INTRUSION

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS OF THE PRESIDENT, FAHMY TELEPHONED
THIS AFTERNOON TO ADVISE OF THE FOLLOWING:

2. YESTERDAY, DECEMBER 28, THE ISRAELIS HAD SENT A
DRONE ("PILOTLESS PLANE," HE CALLED IT), SIXTY MILES
WEST OF THE SUEZ CANAL AND BROUGHT IT BACK, PRESUMABLY
FOR RECONNAISSANCE PURPOSES. TODAY, IN RETALIATION,
GOE DEPLOYED TWO PILOTED MIG-21'S TO AN AREA FIFTY
KILOMETERS BEHIND MITLA PASS AND WEST TO RAS SIDR BEFORE
RETURNING TO EGYPT. NEITHER SIDE ENGAGED THE INTRUDING
AIRCRAFT.

3. FAHMY SAID GOE DOES NOT KNOW IF THE ISRAELIS WILL
ANNOUNCE THE EGYPTIAN COUNTER-INTRUSION. WHETHER THEY
DO OR NOT, SADAT WANTED US TO HAVE THE FACTS. IN THE
PRESIDENT'S VIEW, THE ISRAELIS ARE DELIVERATELY SEEKING
TO RAISE TENSIONS IN THE AREA BY SUCH INTRUSION. THEY
WISH TO PROVOKE AN EGYPTIAN RESPONSE. GOE, SADAT WANTS
US TO KNOW, WILL NOT ANNOUNCE THE ISRAELI INTRUSION.
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HOWEVER, IF ISRAELIS ANNOUNCED EGYPTIAN COUNTER-INTRUSION,
GOE WILL MAKE ITS OWN ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ISRAELI PROVO-
CATION. SO FAR AS GOE IS CONCERNED, IT WANTS TO DO NOTHING
THAT WILL MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE NEW ADMINISTRA-
TION TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE ME PACE PROCESS.

4. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO INDEPENDENT CONFIRMATION OF
ABOVE INCIDENTS. IT SEEMS STRANGE THAT ISRAELIS WOULD
WISH TO SEND DRONE WELL INTO EGYPTIAN AIRSPACE ON VERY
DAY WHEN LONG SUSPENDED JC RECONVENED. PERHAPS
ADDRESSEE POSTS HAVE OTHER INFORMATION.
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